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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals the final rejection of claims 6-9, 13-21 and 24-26 in the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2006. As indicated on the Fax Transmission Cover Letter, permission is hereby granted to charge Appeal fees in the amount of \$500.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0413. Permission is hereby granted to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the fees to Deposit Account 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

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